

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**The claims are amended as follows:**

3. (Amended) The thermosetting fluorine-containing resin powder coating composition of ~~Claim 1 or 2~~ Claim 1, wherein an average particle size of said fine powder of silicon oxide is 1/1,000 or less of an average particle size of the powder of fluorine-containing resin powder coating composition.

4. (Amended) The thermosetting fluorine-containing resin powder coating composition of ~~any of Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1, wherein the powder of fluorine-containing resin powder coating composition is a powder obtained by pulverizing a melt-kneaded product of a fluorine-containing resin and a curing agent.

7. (Amended) The preparation process of ~~Claim 5 or 6~~ Claim 5, wherein an average particle size of said fine particles of silicon oxide is 1/1,000 or less of an average particle size of the powder of fluorine-containing resin powder coating composition.

8. (Amended) A coated article obtained by applying the thermosetting fluorine-containing resin powder coating composition of ~~any of Claims 1 to 4~~ Claim 1 on a metallic substrate.

7. (Amended) The preparation process of Claim 5, wherein an average particle size of said fine particles of silicon oxide is 1/1,000 or less of an average particle size of the powder of fluorine-containing resin powder coating composition.

8. (Amended) A coated article obtained by applying the thermosetting fluorine-containing resin powder coating composition of Claim 1 on a metallic substrate.

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